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We learn from 'The Ibis' of the death, on January 31, 1917, of Prof. Dr. Friedrich Hermann Otto Finsch, an original Honorary Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union. He was born at Warmbrunn in Silesia on October 8, 1839 and published his first contribution to ornithology in 1859.

In 1861 he obtained a position in the Leyden Museum under Schlegel and in 1864 succeeded Hartlaub as curator of the Museum at Bremen. In collaboration with Hartlaub he published two notable ornithological works, 'The Ornithology of Central Polynesia' and 'Die Vogel Ost-Afrikas.' Resigning his position at Bremen in 1878 he engaged in an extensive tour of the South Seas which covered the years 1879–1882. Besides securing extensive and valuable collections he gained an intimate knowledge of the islands with the result that he returned on another expedition in 1884–1886 as Imperial Commissioner and through his influence